



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
- DAY -

May 12, 2019

Order of Worship

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Please silence your cell phone.

THE GATHERING AND QUIET PREPARATION

Carole Halmekangas, organist

THE INTROIT

(9:30)

“The Blessing of a Mother’s Love”

Becki Slagle Mayo

Sonshine Choir

(11:00)

“Kids Under Construction”

Gloria Gaither/Gary Paxton

Cherub Choir

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 62** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Verses 1-4

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Based on Revelation 7:12

Leader: We praise the God of all Creation:

People: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

Leader: Let all voices together praise God:

People: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

Leader: Let the great multitude of nations praise God:

People: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

Leader: With all Creation, let us praise God:

People: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!

***THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 62**

Verses 5 & 7, modified

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness.**

O praise ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,

praise God and on God cast your care!

O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE TIME OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

The Ritual of Friendship folder is located at the center aisle; please sign and pass.

THE MISSION MOMENT: Partners in Mission

Karen Plants

THE ANTHEM

(9:30)

“Batid las Manos”
Covenant Choir

Mark Burrows

(11:00)

“Antiphonal Hosanna”
Disciple Choir

John Leavitt

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THE CALL TO PRAYER (Leader)

THE COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR MOTHER’S DAY

Inserted

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“The Sacrifice of Praise”
Chancel Choir

Taylor Davis

***THE DOXOLOGY NO. 94**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 702** “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

THE SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17

(Pew Bible pg. 1124)

This is God’s living Word for God’s living people. ~ **“Thanks be to God!”**

THE SERMON

“Taking the Long View”
Rev. Shawn Lewis-Lakin

***THE HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 733** “Marching to Zion”

***THE BENEDICTION AND PERIOD OF SILENCE**

Please remain quietly in your pew during the recession of the clergy.

***THE POSTLUDE**

**Congregation Standing*

****Seating of Worshipers*



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